(c) Year-wise expenditure on Crop Institutes, National Research Centres, Project Directorates and all Agricultural Universities for 1985-86 to 1987-88 are as follows.–

Year	(Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86	8886.80
1986-87	8941 00
1987-88	10026.05

(d) Government of India is giving highest priority to the development of improved varieties/hybrids of various crops and production of breeder seeds and has a policy to evolve and multiply high quality seeds of hybrid varieties of various crops. The New Seed Policy Provides incentives for domestic seed industry to grow with simultaneous provision for providing access to the Indian farmer to best seeds/planting material available any where in the world.

Setting up of training centres for TV programme producers

1732. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up training centres for TV programme producers;

(b) whether any such centre is likely to be set up in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) (a) There is a proposal to set up an Institute at Lucknow to meet the needs for organising specialised training for both the programme and engineering personnel of Doordarshan.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Indian nurses in Saudi Arabia

1733. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Saudi Arabia are compelling the Indian Nurses working there, who are expecting babies, to have their deliveries in India even a few days before the due dates of delivery, thus exposing them to grave risk of life at that advanced stage of pregnancy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to protect the interests of those Indian Nurses working in Saudi Arabia?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) The Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia have reported that they are not aware of any such case and they have not received any complaints in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Withholding a cheque by a Deputy Manager of NCCF from a private party against a contract for import of wet dates

1734. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Deputy Manager of NCCF accepted a cheque for Rs. 3.20 lacs from a private party in October, 1983 against a contract for import of wet dates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the concerned Officer accommodated the party by withholding the cheque without encashment by about 3 months which was

later returned dishonoured when presented to the bank; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken to fix the responsibility and to recover the amount from the guilty Deputy Manager concerned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) NCCF have reported that it was the then Chief Manager (Imports & Exports) who was found responsible for the acceptance of the cheque and not the Deputy Manager. The cheque was presented to the bank after the period of 3 months which, however, bounced. The NCCF had terminated the services of the Chief Manager (I&E).

Setting up of Cooperative Sugar Mills

1735. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals of Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of co-operative sugar mills at PALAKONDA in Srikakulam district, HUZURABAD in Karimnagar district and KADEM in Adilabad district, are pending with Government,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for delay in issuing licences?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) An application for setting up of Cooperative Sugar Mill of 2500 TCD at PALAKONDA in Srikakulam district had been received. The other two proposals for setting up of new sugar mills at (i) HUZURABAD in Karimnagar district and (ii) KADEM in Adilabad district have not so far been received in the Department of Food The views of this Ministry on the proposal for setting up of Cooperative Sugar mill at PALAKONDA are being sent to the Department of Industrial Development for necessary action.

Physically disabled for securing vocational courses

1736. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to establish Centres to assist physically disabled in securing vocational courses in Andhra Pradesh,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that such large number of disabled and handicapped persons belonging to A.P. are not getting proper central assistance, and

(d) if so, the reasons and the proposed action being taken by the Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Besides facilities already existing, there is at present no proposal to create any new Centre in Andhra Pradesh. The primary responsibility for welfare and rehabilitation of the handicapped is of the State Governments Nevertheless, the Centre in its pace-setting and coordinating role has been assisting the State Governments in programmes designed for rehabilitation of handicapped Under the pilot project scheme of District Rehabilitation Centres (DRCs), one DRC has been set up at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh to provide a complete package of rehabilitation services to the disabled including vocational training and job placement. A Training Centre for the Adult Deaf at Hyderabad is functioning under the administrative control of Ali Yavar